



Regional Council 15

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Letter to Pastoral Charge Boards & Communities of Faith, Region 15

From Region 15, Division of Services and Support

Since its inception last year, the committees of this division have been busy maintaining the work that needed to be carried forward from the former Conference committees and imagining and implementing ways to provide leadership and guidance to Region 15 as defined in our mandates. We feel good about where we are and you will be hearing lots from us going forward. Now we want to tell you about the work that has been carried on, and in addition, the things we have planned for the Region!

The **Justice, Mission & Outreach Committee** continues its momentum. It has a vision of expanding circles, with the JMO committee as the centre, surrounded by Working Groups, with an outer circle (network) for communication, events and connecting/supporting clusters of geographically close people who work together for projects and interests. The Working Groups of this committee have been engaged all along and will continue being the church in action: Ecological Justice, Access to Justice, Just Peace for Palestine and Israel, Refugee Matters, Mental Health and Indigenous Concerns and Relations.

The **Faith Formation and Leadership Development Committee** has lots of great energy. Expect to hear from them as they will reach out to folks in the Region about what they might be looking for, to tell you who they are and what their mandate is, and about the resources that are available in the Region.

The **Communications Committee** will be developing a newsletter to actively get information out to Communities of Faith. They will be focused on effective

internal communication in the Region, between Communities of Faith and the Regional Council.

The **Child, Youth and Young Adult Committee** is another committee that hasn't missed a step in the transition. Another faith-inspiring program is planned for Youth Forum and Intermediates at this year's annual meeting. Sherbrooke Lake Camp and Camp Kidston are registering campers for this summer and interest is up from last year. Enthusiastic leaders have new ideas brought back from The Great Gathering in North Carolina. Recruitment for youth to travel to Calgary, this year, for Rendez-Vous is ongoing.

Expect to hear from the **Stewardship Committee** to set up dialogue sessions for Communities of Faith, whether in groups or individual communities, to talk about stewardship and responding to Jesus' call to love our neighbours in the world.

The **Annual Meeting Planning Committee** manages every year to produce a valuable, thought-provoking and successful three to four-day event and this year will be like no other as we meet together with the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region for a second year. Two regions meeting together requires innovation and challenges that were identified last year will be addressed. This will be a life-giving and celebratory event and we hope as many delegates as possible from each Community of Faith will attend!

If you would like to join our committees, or engage in their work otherwise, please advise the Nominations Committee or contact me at djmorrison7301@gmail.com or one of our Division Committee Chairs listed on the Region 15 website directory <https://ucceast.ca/regional-council-15/rc15-directory/>

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